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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH NYERERE: PUERTO RICO

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 4583

1. IN COURSE OF OCTOBER 4 FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT NYERERE, I RAISED QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO, NOTING THAT THIS WAS AN ISSUE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO US, AND THAT WE BELIEVED THAT PUERTO RICO HAD EXERCISED, AND WAS STILL EXERCISING, ITS RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. I DID SO IN CONTEXT OF ARGUMENT THAT US IS SERIOUSLY REVIEWING MANY OF ITS POSITIONS AT THE UN, AS EVIDENCED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH AT THE UNGA (I LEFT A COPY WITH HIM WHEN I DEPARTED). WE WERE SEEKING TO MOVE FROM CONFRONTATION TO CONCILIATION AND WE HOPED THAT OTHER NATIONS WOULD DO SO TOO.

2. NYERERE DID NOT RESPOND IMMEDIATELY, BUT ALTER ON RAISED PUERTO RICO HIMSELF, NOTING THAT QTE I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I KNOW ABOUT THE QUESTION UNQTE. HE THEN TURNED TO THE LANGUAGE OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS AS COMMUNICATED TO TANGOV ON THE SUBJECT, AND READ OFF A NUMBER OF PHRASES WHICH HE HAD JOTTED DOWN ON A SLIP OF PAPER. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT LIKE THIS KIND OF LANGUAGE AND THAT TANZANIA WOULD CONTINUE TO VOTE ON THE ISSUES, SOMETIMES WITH THE US AND SOMETIMES WITH THE USSR. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT PUERTO RICO IS CONSIDERED VITAL ISSUE BY USG, WHICH MUST  
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DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHAT IS VITAL TO IT. AFTER ALL, SOME THINGS

ARE ALSO VITAL TO TANZANIA. HE WENT ON TO GIVE LONG HOMILY ON THE NECESSITY OF ARGUING PROBLEMS RATIONALLY RATHER THAN SHOUTING, ILLUSTRATED WITH ANECDOTES. I HEARTILY AGREED.

3. COMMENT: NYERERE'S ADMISSION THAT PUERTO RICO IS VITAL ISSUE TO US MAY REPRESENT SOME SOFTENING IN TANGOV STAND. AS WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DO A STUDY ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE.  
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